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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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<p>1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of <u>4</u> sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).</p> <p>These annexes consist of a total of _____ sheets.</p>
<p>3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basis of the report II <input type="checkbox"/> Priority III <input type="checkbox"/> Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability IV <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of unity of invention V <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement VI <input type="checkbox"/> Certain documents cited VII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain defects in the international application VIII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain observations on the international application

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I. Basis of the report

1. This report has been drawn on the basis of (*Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain amendments.*):

- the international application as originally filed.
- the description, pages _____, as originally filed,
pages _____, filed with the demand,
pages _____, filed with the letter of _____,
pages _____, filed with the letter of _____
- the claims, Nos. _____, as originally filed,
Nos. _____, as amended under Article 19,
Nos. _____, filed with the demand,
Nos. _____, filed with the letter of _____,
Nos. _____, filed with the letter of _____
- the drawings, sheets/fig _____, as originally filed,
sheets/fig _____, filed with the demand,
sheets/fig _____, filed with the letter of _____,
sheets/fig _____, filed with the letter of _____

2. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- the description, pages _____
 the claims, Nos. _____
 the drawings, sheets/fig _____

3. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

4. Additional observations, if necessary:

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-17	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-17	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-17	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

Claim 1:Novelty and inventive step

Documents FR-A-1 319 291, FR-A-2 568 730 and BE-A-571 724, cited by the applicant in the description, each describe an installation and attachment device for pipes in a variety of systems, which devices do not extend beyond the disclosure in the preamble of claim 1.

Document US-A-4 534 147 also describes an installation and attachment device for pipes in a variety of systems, which device includes a plastic profile member with a base plate (16) of which the rear surface is provided with an adhesive means (20) for attachment to a wall (12) and the front surface is provided with resiliently deformable wings (28) that define, in pairs, a longitudinal recess for receiving and retaining a long body (30).

In said document (see claim 1), the closed-C-shaped deformable wings (28) return to the starting position thereof after they have been moved apart to allow the insertion of a conductor into the recess they form. Said base plate (16) has no scored transverse lines, nor is it

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pre-cut into segments.

Document DE-U-20 102 174 describes an installation and attachment device for pipes in a variety of systems, which device consists of a plurality of segments (5a) arranged one after the other.

In said document, there are no open-C-shaped wings projecting from the front surface of the base plate, in accordance with the invention.

Document WO-A-9 314 545 describes an installation and attachment device for pipes in a variety of systems, including open-C-shaped deformable wings (18) that define, in pairs, a longitudinal recess (3) for receiving a long body.

Said wings (18) project from the front surface of said base plate (17), are transversely spaced apart from one another and are produced as one piece in the same semi-rigid material as said base plate.

In said document, the rear surface of said base plate (17) has no adhesive means for attachment to a wall, rather said base plate is attached to a wall by means of a screw (11). Similarly, there is no snap-on finishing profile member for covering the installation bracket and the associated pipes.

In view of the above, the subject matter of claim 1 is not anticipated by the documents cited in the search report and fulfills the requirements of novelty and inventive step (PCT Article 33(2) and 33(3)).

Dependent claims 2-17 relate to advantageous embodiments

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of the installation and attachment device as per claim 1.

Industrial applicability

The industrial applicability of the claimed installation and attachment device is obvious.